The other reports are under various stages of implementation.

**Pending cases with Income Tax Appellate Tribunals**

3561. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending with Income Tax Appellate Tribunals;

(b) since how long they are pending;

(c) what is the total amount involved, Statewise details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken for speedy disposal of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The number of cases pending with the Income-tax Appellate Tribunal as on 30.6.1992 is 2,30,479.

(b) The year-wise break-up of these cases is a follows:

| Year | Pendency |
|---|---|
| 1976 | 3 |
| 1977 | — |
| 1978 | — |
| 1979 | 11 |
| 1980 | 16 |
| 1981 | 45 |
| 1982 | 60 |
| 1983 | 382 |
| 1984 | 322 |
| 1985 | 480 |
| 1986 | 1,362 |
| 1987 | 4,120 |
| 1988 | 19,715 |
| 1989 | 40,927 |
| 1990 | 53,301 |
| 1991 | 67,468 |
| 1992 | 42,167 |
| TOTAL : | 2,30,479 |

(c) No separate records indicating the total amount involved are maintained by the Tribunal.

(d) More members of the Tribunal have been conferred single-member powers. Appeals involving common issues are being grouped together for hearing. Members are sent on tours to stations where either the pendency is more or the regular Benches are not functioning.

**Shortage of public prosecutors**

3562. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of public prosecutors who represent the Central Government and the Union Territory of Delhi in the criminal cases before courts of Law;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on account of this, the quality of legal disposition in these matters as well as the number of cases disposed off have been suffering; and

(c) if so, what is being done to rectify the situation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Functioning of private limited companies**

3563. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether liquidation proceedings have been undertaken against some private limited companies;

(b) if so, what are the names of these companies as on 31st July, 1992 with share of public holdings in each such company;

(c) whether some steps have been taken against these companies to safeguard interests of small depositors of these companies;

(d) whether Government propose to take some steps to ensure that private companies should become least bankrupt; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As on 31-12-1991 liquidation proceedings against 4,520 Companies have been undertaken. The time and effort involved in compiling and furnishing the further details as asked for will not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.

(c) Payment to creditors in the case of winding up is governed by the provisions of Section 528 to 530 of the Companies Act, 1956. Under the extant provisions no preferential treatment can be given to the depositors, who are usecured creditors.

(d) and (e) The concerned administrative ministers, the banks/financial institutions and the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction are empowered to detect/prevent sickness in companies and take remedial measures with respect to such companies. There are no specific provision in this behalf so far as the Companies Act, 1956 is concerned.

**Employees working in the Electi Commission of India**

3564. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHA DRA JICHKAR: Will the Minis of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPAI AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number employees working in the Electi Commision of India;

(b) what are the total emolumer drawn per year by these employe and

(c) whether they are governed the regulations and conditions of s vice applicable to the Central Go ernmet employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTI AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SH H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) 258 offic and employees are working in t Election Commission of India at pr sent.

(b) The expenditure incurred the emoluments on these officials f the year 1991-92 is Rs. 1,03,79,19( The sanctioned budget grant for t emoluments of these employees f the year 1992-93 is Rs. 1,07,57,000/-.

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Composition of Company Law Boar**

3565. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHAI DRA JICHKER: Will the Minister LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present compositi of the Company Law Board;

(b) what are the names and quali cations of the present members of t Company Law Board; and

(c) whether any of them are t relatives of any senior officers of t Government of India?